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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
 Shinji TANAKA : Confirmation Number: 8196
 Application No.: 10/682,153 : Group Art Unit: 2824
 Filed: October 10, 2003 : Examiner: Hien N. Nguyen
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 For: SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE INPUTTING/OUTPUTTING DATA AND
 PARITY DATA IN BURST OPERATION

STATUS INQUIRY

Mail Stop Status Inquiry
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on October 10, 2003. Since more than one and one-half years have elapsed since that date, and no action has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application. It is noted that the Official Gazette indicates applications filed in the above-assigned Group Art Unit on or before November 5, 2003 should have received an action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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